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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Paulina Madrigal-Macias,

Defendant.

CR- 2:17-01110-04-PHX-DLR

PLEA AGREEMENT

Plaintiff, United States of America, and the defendant, PAULINA MADRIGAL-MACIAS, hereby agree to dispose of this matter on the following terms and conditions:

1. PLEA

The defendant will plead guilty to Count 1 of the First Superseding Indictment charging the defendant with a violation of Title 21, United States Code (U.S.C.), §§ 846, 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C), and 841(b)(2), Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute and Distribute a Controlled Substance, a Class C felony offense.

2. MAXIMUM PENALTIES

a. A violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C), and 841(b)(2) is punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000,000.00, a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years, or both, and a term of supervised release of at least 3 years up to life.

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1 b. According to the Sentencing Guidelines issued pursuant to the Sentencing
2 Reform Act of 1984, the Court shall order the defendant to:

3 (1) make restitution to any victim of the offense pursuant to 18 U.S.C.
4 § 3663 and/or 3663A, unless the Court determines that restitution would not be
5 appropriate;

6 (2) pay a fine pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3572, unless the Court finds that a
7 fine is not appropriate;

8 (3) serve a term of supervised release when required by statute or when a
9 sentence of imprisonment of more than one year is imposed (with the understanding that
10 the Court may impose a term of supervised release in all other cases); and

11 (4) pay upon conviction a \$100 special assessment for each count to
12 which the defendant pleads guilty pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013.

13 c. The Court is required to consider the Sentencing Guidelines in determining
14 the defendant's sentence. However, the Sentencing Guidelines are advisory, and the Court
15 is free to exercise its discretion to impose any reasonable sentence up to the maximum set
16 by statute for the crime(s) of conviction, unless there are stipulations to the contrary that
17 the Court accepts.

18 d. The defendant understands and acknowledges that pleading guilty may result
19 in the termination or denial of certain food stamp, social security, and other benefits for
20 defendant and the defendant's immediate family pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §§ 862 and 862a.

21 e. The defendant recognizes that pleading guilty may have consequences with
22 respect to defendant's immigration status if the defendant is a recently naturalized United
23 States citizen or is not a citizen of the United States. Under federal law, a broad range of
24 crimes are removable offenses, including the offense(s) to which defendant is pleading
25 guilty. Although there may be exceptions, the defendant understands that the defendant's
26 guilty plea and conviction for this offense make it practically inevitable and a virtual
27 certainty that the defendant will be removed or deported from the United States. The
28 defendant agrees that defendant has discussed this eventuality with defendant's attorney.

1 The defendant nevertheless affirms that defendant wants to plead guilty regardless of any
2 immigration consequences that this plea entails, even if the consequence is the defendant's
3 automatic removal from the United States.

4 **3. AGREEMENTS REGARDING SENTENCING**

5 a. Acceptance of Responsibility. If the defendant makes full and complete
6 disclosure to the U.S. Probation Office of the circumstances surrounding the defendant's
7 commission of the offense, and if the defendant demonstrates an acceptance of
8 responsibility for this offense up to and including the time of sentencing, the United States
9 will recommend a two-level reduction in the applicable Sentencing Guidelines offense
10 level pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a). If the defendant has an offense level of 16 or more,
11 the United States will move the Court for an additional one-level reduction in the applicable
12 Sentencing Guidelines offense level pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b).

13 b. Base Offense Level Recommendation. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P.
14 11(c)(1)(B), the United States and the defendant agree and will recommend to the Court
15 that the defendant's Base Offense Level equates to a Level 10 pursuant to U.S.S.G §
16 2D1.1(a).

17 c. No "Death or Serious Bodily Injury" Recommendation: Pursuant to Fed. R.
18 Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(B), the United States will recommend to the Court that the defendant's
19 Base Offense Level does not involve "death or serious bodily injury" pursuant to U.S.S.G
20 § 2D1.1(a)(2).

21 d. "Minor Role" Recommendation: Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(B),
22 the United States will recommend to the Court that the defendant should receive a 2-level
23 downward departure for mitigating role pursuant to U.S.S.G § 3B1.2(b).

24 e. Safety-Valve Recommendation. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(B),
25 the United States and the defendant agree and will recommend that, if the defendant
26 qualifies for the "safety valve" reduction pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(f)(1) and United
27 States Sentencing Guidelines §§ 2D1.1(b)(16) and 5C1.2(a), then the defendant shall
28 receive the applicable reduction in the Guideline Offense Level. If the defendant is not

1 eligible for this consideration, then the parties agree that this particular provision will be
 2 void and all other provisions of this plea agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
 3 In order to qualify for this reduction, the defendant will truthfully provide all information
 4 and evidence the defendant has concerning the offenses that were part of the same course
 5 of conduct or of a common scheme or plan, including but not limited to information and
 6 evidence that exceeds that which is contained within the factual basis.

7 f. Non-Binding Recommendations. The defendant understands that
 8 recommendations are not binding on the Court. The defendant further understands that the
 9 defendant will not be permitted to withdraw the guilty plea if the Court does not follow a
 10 recommendation.

11 g. No other agreements. Other than the provisions set forth above, the United
 12 States and defendant agree and understand that certain other potential adjustments in the
 13 offense level, to include obstructing or impeding the administration of justice (Chapter 3,
 14 Part C of the U.S.S.G.), shall be resolved at sentencing, and that the parties have no further
 15 agreements relative to the Total Offense Level applicable in this case other than that set
 16 forth herein.

17 **4. AGREEMENT TO DISMISS OR NOT TO PROSECUTE**

18 a. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(A), the United States, at the time of
 19 sentencing, shall dismiss the Forfeiture Allegation of the First Superseding Indictment as
 20 it relates to the defendant.

21 b. The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona shall not
 22 prosecute the defendant for any other Controlled Substance Act, Obstruction of Justice,
 23 False Statement, or Immigration offenses committed by the defendant, and known by the
 24 United States, in connection with the First Superseding Indictment in this case.

25 c. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(C), the United States and the defendant
 26 stipulate that this plea agreement is contingent upon the successful guilty plea of the co-
 27 defendants Fany Madrigal-Lopez, Luis Angel Macias, and Adolfo Macias-Madrigal. If
 28 any one or more of the co-defendants does not plead guilty in this case, or if any one of the

1 co-defendants' pleas are rejected by the Court, the United States shall be entitled to
2 withdraw from this plea agreement at any time prior to sentencing.

3 d. This agreement does not, in any manner, restrict the actions of the United
4 States in any other district or bind any other United States Attorney's Office.

5 **5. COURT APPROVAL REQUIRED; REINSTITUTION OF PROSECUTION**

6 a. If the Court, after reviewing this plea agreement, concludes that any
7 provision contained herein is inappropriate, it may reject the plea agreement and give the
8 defendant the opportunity to withdraw the guilty plea in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P.
9 11(c)(5).

10 b. If the defendant's guilty plea or plea agreement is rejected, withdrawn,
11 vacated, or reversed at any time, this agreement shall be null and void, the United States
12 shall be free to prosecute the defendant for all crimes of which it then has knowledge and
13 any charges that have been dismissed because of this plea agreement shall automatically
14 be reinstated. In such event, the defendant waives any and all objections, motions, and
15 defenses based upon the Statute of Limitations, the Speedy Trial Act, or constitutional
16 restrictions in bringing later charges or proceedings. The defendant understands that any
17 statements made at the time of the defendant's change of plea or sentencing may be used
18 against the defendant in any subsequent hearing, trial, or proceeding subject to the
19 limitations of Fed. R. Evid. 410.

20 **6. WAIVER OF DEFENSES AND APPEAL RIGHTS**

21 The defendant waives (1) any and all motions, defenses, probable cause
22 determinations, and objections that the defendant could assert to the Indictment, First
23 Superseding Indictment, or information; and (2) any right to file an appeal, any collateral
24 attack, and any other writ or motion that challenges the conviction, an order of restitution
25 or forfeiture, the entry of judgment against the defendant, or any aspect of the defendant's
26 sentence, including the manner in which the sentence is determined, including but not
27 limited to any appeals under 18 U.S.C. § 3742 (sentencing appeals) and motions under 28
28 U.S.C. §§ 2241 and 2255 (habeas petitions), and any right to file a motion for modification

1 of sentence, including under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c). This waiver shall result in the dismissal
2 of any appeal, collateral attack, or other motion the defendant might file challenging the
3 conviction, order of restitution or forfeiture, or sentence in this case. This waiver shall not
4 be construed to bar an otherwise-preserved claim of ineffective assistance of counsel or of
5 “prosecutorial misconduct” (as that term is defined by Section II.B of Ariz. Ethics Op. 15-
6 01 (2015)).

7 **7. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

8 a. The United States retains the unrestricted right to provide information and
9 make any and all statements it deems appropriate to the U.S. Probation Office and to the
10 Court in connection with the case.

11 b. Any information, statements, documents, and evidence that the defendant
12 provides to the United States pursuant to this agreement may be used against the defendant
13 at any time.

14 c. The defendant shall cooperate fully with the U.S. Probation Office. Such
15 cooperation shall include providing complete and truthful responses to questions posed by
16 the U.S. Probation Office including, but not limited to, questions relating to:

- 17 (1) criminal convictions, history of drug abuse, and mental illness; and
18 (2) financial information, including present financial assets or liabilities
19 that relate to the ability of the defendant to pay a fine or restitution.

20 **8. FORFEITURE, CIVIL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

21 a. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to protect the defendant from
22 administrative or civil forfeiture proceedings or prohibit the United States from proceeding
23 with and/or initiating an action for civil forfeiture. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3613, all
24 monetary penalties, including restitution imposed by the Court, shall be due immediately
25 upon judgment, shall be subject to immediate enforcement by the United States, and shall
26 be submitted to the Treasury Offset Program so that any federal payment or transfer of
27 returned property the defendant receives may be offset and applied to federal debts (which
28 offset will not affect the periodic payment schedule). If the Court imposes a schedule of

1 payments, the schedule of payments shall be merely a schedule of minimum payments and
2 shall not be a limitation on the methods available to the United States to enforce the
3 judgment.

4 **9. ELEMENTS**

5 **Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute and Distribute a Controlled**
6 **Substance**

7 Between in or about the fall of 2015 through in or about August of 2017, in the
8 District of Arizona:

- 9 1. There was an agreement between two or more persons to commit the crime
10 of Possession with the Intent to Distribute or Distribution of oxycodone, a
11 Schedule II controlled substance; fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled
12 substance; cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance; or alprazolam, a
13 Schedule IV controlled substance; and
- 14 2. The defendant became a member of the agreement on or before August of
15 2017, knowing of at least one of its objects and intending to accomplish it.

16 It does not matter whether the defendant knew that the substances possessed or
17 distributed were oxycodone, fentanyl, cocaine, or alprazolam. It is sufficient that the
18 defendant knew that it was some kind of controlled substance.

19 **10. FACTUAL BASIS**

20 a. The defendant admits that the following facts are true and that if this matter
21 were to proceed to trial the United States could prove the following facts beyond a
22 reasonable doubt:

23 Between in or about the fall of 2015 through in or about August of 2017, co-
24 defendant Fany Madrigal-Lopez, obtained quantities of oxycodone; blue "M-30"
25 pills that looked like oxycodone, but contained fentanyl; cocaine; and alprazolam,
26 all of which are scheduled controlled substances, from sources of supply in the
District of Arizona.

27 After obtaining possession of these substances, Fany Madrigal-Lopez would
28 redistribute these substances to various customers in the metropolitan Phoenix area

1 for profit. Her children and co-defendants, which included, Luis Angel Macias;
2 Adolfo Macias-Madrigal; and I, defendant Paulina Madrigal-Macias, would
3 occasionally redistribute these substances to these customers and obtain payment
4 for these substances from these customers. At the time that we redistributed these
5 controlled substances for Fany Madrigal-Lopez; Luis Angel Macias, Adolfo
6 Macias-Madrigal, and I knew that we were distributing controlled substances on her
7 behalf. After Fany Madrigal-Lopez was arrested in this case, Luis Angel Macias
8 and I continued to make contact with some of these customers and attempted to
9 obtain payment for controlled substances previously sold to these customers.

10 One of these customers who obtained controlled substances from Fany Madrigal-
11 Lopez, Adolfo Macias-Madrigal, and I was an individual known as P.L. As part of
12 this conspiracy, on August 2, August 3, and August 6, 2016, P.L. contacted Fany
13 Madrigal-Lopez telephonically and requested to purchase oxycodone. On each of
14 these instances, Fany Madrigal-Lopez told P.L. to meet with me or at my vehicle
15 and that I would sell him these drugs.

16 On the evening of November 16, 2016, P.L. travelled to Fany Madrigal-Lopez's
17 residence at 7336 West Vogel Avenue, Peoria, Arizona. While at Fany Madrigal-
18 Lopez's residence, she knowingly and intentionally sold and distributed several pills
19 to P.L. that were blue in color, were labeled individually as "M-30," and looked like
20 oxycodone. These pills in fact contained fentanyl and other substances. P.L. then
21 consumed these pills and the fentanyl in these pills caused P.L. to overdose and die
22 that same night.

23 On August 18, 2017, the Drug Enforcement Administration executed a search
24 warrant at Fany Madrigal-Lopez's residence at 7336 West Vogel Avenue, Peoria,
25 Arizona. Adolfo Macias-Madrigal resided at this residence with Fany Madrigal-
26 Lopez. Inside her bedroom and vehicle, agents found and seized quantities of
27 oxycodone; cocaine; blue "M-30" pills that contained fentanyl; and alprazolam.

28 For purposes of this factual basis, I admit and acknowledge that I conspired and
agreed with Fany Madrigal-Lopez and others to distribute controlled substances as
set forth above.

b. The defendant shall swear under oath to the accuracy of this statement and,
if the defendant should be called upon to testify about this matter in the future, any
intentional material inconsistencies in the defendant's testimony may subject the defendant
to additional penalties for perjury or false swearing, which may be enforced by the United
States under this agreement.

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEFENDANT

I have read the entire plea agreement with the assistance of my attorney. I understand each of its provisions and I voluntarily agree to it.

I have discussed the case and my constitutional and other rights with my attorney. I understand that by entering my plea of guilty I shall waive my rights to plead not guilty, to trial by jury, to confront, cross-examine, and compel the attendance of witnesses, to present evidence in my defense, to remain silent and refuse to be a witness against myself by asserting my privilege against self-incrimination, all with the assistance of counsel, and to be presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

I agree to enter my guilty plea as indicated above on the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement.

I have been advised by my attorney of the nature of the charges to which I am entering my guilty plea. I have further been advised by my attorney of the nature and range of the possible sentence and that my ultimate sentence shall be determined by the Court after consideration of the advisory Sentencing Guidelines.

My guilty plea is not the result of force, threats, assurances, or promises, other than the promises contained in this agreement. I voluntarily agree to the provisions of this agreement and I agree to be bound according to its provisions.

I understand that if I am granted probation or placed on supervised release by the Court, the terms and conditions of such probation/supervised release are subject to modification at any time. I further understand that if I violate any of the conditions of my probation/supervised release, my probation/supervised release may be revoked and upon such revocation, notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, I may be required to serve a term of imprisonment or my sentence otherwise may be altered.

This written plea agreement, and any written addenda filed as attachments to this plea agreement, contain all the terms and conditions of the plea. Any additional agreements, if any such agreements exist, shall be recorded in a separate document and

1 may be filed with the Court under seal; accordingly, additional agreements, if any, may not
2 be in the public record.

3 I further agree that promises, including any predictions as to the Sentencing
4 Guideline range or to any Sentencing Guideline factors that will apply, made by anyone
5 (including my attorney) that are not contained within this written plea agreement, are null
6 and void and have no force and effect.

7 I am satisfied that my defense attorney has represented me in a competent manner.

8 I fully understand the terms and conditions of this plea agreement. I am not now
9 using or under the influence of any drug, medication, liquor, or other intoxicant or
10 depressant that would impair my ability to fully understand the terms and conditions of
11 this plea agreement.

12 04.12.2018
13 Date

Paulina Macias
14 PAULINA MADRIGAL-MACIAS
Defendant

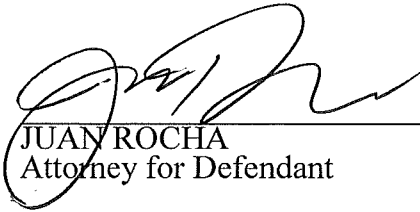
15 **APPROVAL OF DEFENSE COUNSEL**

16 I have discussed this case and the plea agreement with my client in detail and have
17 advised the defendant of all matters within the scope of Fed. R. Crim. P. 11, the
18 constitutional and other rights of an accused, the factual basis for and the nature of the
19 offense to which the guilty plea will be entered, possible defenses, and the consequences
20 of the guilty plea including the maximum statutory sentence possible. I have further
21 discussed the concept of the advisory Sentencing Guidelines with the defendant. No
22 assurances, promises, or representations have been given to me or to the defendant by the
23 United States or any of its representatives that are not contained in this written agreement.
24 I concur in the entry of the plea as indicated above and that the terms and conditions set
25 forth in this agreement are in the best interests of my client. I agree to make a bona fide
26 effort to ensure that the guilty plea is entered in accordance with all the requirements of
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1 Fed. R. Crim. P. 11.

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3 Date

4/12/2018


JUAN ROCHA
Attorney for Defendant

5 **APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES**

6 I have reviewed this matter and the plea agreement. I agree on behalf of the United
7 States that the terms and conditions set forth herein are appropriate and are in the best
8 interests of justice.

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10 ELIZABETH A. STRANGE
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12 Date

4/12/18


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15 **ACCEPTANCE BY THE COURT**

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17 Date

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HONORABLE DOUGLAS L. RAYES
United States District Judge